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PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Programme budget implications of revised draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. The present statement is provided to facilitate the work of the Sixth Committee and does not make reference to the various programme aspects, which would normally be presented with the financial implications of the above resolution.

A. Requests contained in the revised draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 9 and 10 of revised draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1, the General Assembly would establish an Ad Hoc Committee to elaborate an international convention for the suppression of terrorist bombings, which would meet from 24 February to 7 March 1997 to prepare the text of a draft international convention for the suppression of terrorist bombings, and would recommend that work continue during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly from 22 September to 3 October 1997 in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee.

B. Relationship of the request to the approved programme of work

3. The above request is related to section 26E, Conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Services would be provided for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee to elaborate an international convention for the suppression of terrorist bombings to be held from 24 February to 7 March 1997.

D. Additional requirements at full cost

5. Conference-servicing requirements for the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee are estimated on a full-cost basis at $456,800, based on the following assumptions:

(a) Under the terms of the revised draft resolution, the Ad Hoc Committee would convene for a period of two weeks, from 24 February to 7 March 1997, with work to continue during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, from 22 September to 3 October 1997, in the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee;

(b) For the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee, from 24 February to 7 March 1997, the requirements would be for two meetings per day (one in the morning and one in the afternoon), with interpretation services in all six official languages. Forty pages of pre-session, 40 pages of in-session and 50 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages would also be required;

(c) For the meeting of the working group of the Sixth Committee on this subject, to be held from 22 September to 3 October 1997, the requirements would also be for two meetings per day with services in all six official languages and an estimate of 40 pages of pre-session, 40 pages of in-session and 50 pages of post-session documentation in all six official languages. These services would be provided from within the overall resources to be provided to the Sixth Committee at the fifty-second session of the General Assembly;

(d) The inclusion of the meeting would be additional to the approved calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1996-1997. The question of accommodating the additional meeting in the 1997 calendar is under review and subject to a recommendation to be made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly at its current session.

E. Summary

6. Should revised draft resolution A/C.6/51/L.15/Rev.1 be adopted, the requirements are estimated at $456,800, based on the following assumptions:

Conference-servicing requirements

(United States dollars)

Pre-session documentation	46 400
Meeting servicing	302 600
In-session documentation	51 700
Post-session documentation	56 100
Total	456 800

7. Such requirements would be considered in the context of the Fifth Committee's decision, including the issue of accommodating the additional meetings in 1997 in the calendar of conferences, in December 1996 when it considers the results of the first performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997.